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1. REFTELS REPORTED ON CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR TWO SEATS IN QUANG TIN. OF 94,483 REGISTERED VOTERS 85,861 VOTED.

2. WINNER IN RACE WAS NGUYEN MAU WITH 35,987 VOTES OR 41.9 PERCENT. MAU IS 53 YEARS OLD AND A NATIVE OF QUANG TIN. A TEACHER BY PROFESSION, MAU ENTERED VNQDD IN 194 IN HOI AN. DURING DIEM ERA MAU AS ASSOCIATED WITH NGUYEN VAN LUC IN 1962 PALACE BOMBING. MAU HAS SPENT RELATIVELY LITTLE TIME INQUANG TIN THOUGH HIS BROTHER NGUYEN LONG IS WELL KNOWN PARTY MEMBER IN PROVINCE. MAU

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CAMPAIGNED WITH PHAN THONG. BOTH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN MOVEMENT DENOUNCING SEPT 3 ELECTION AND ARE NOWBELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH "VHK" FACTION OF VNQDD.

3. SECOND IN RACE WAS PHAN THONG WITH 33,987 VOTES OR 39.6 PERCENT. THONG IS 44 YEARS OF AGE AND A NATIVE OF QUANG TIN. THONG ENTERED VNQDD IN 1945 AND IN 1946 WAS SECGEN OF HIS HOME DISTRICT TIEN PHUOC. THROUGHOUT DIEM ERA THONG WAS ACTIVE IN OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES UNTIL HE WAS IMPRISONED FROM 1960-1963. AFTER REVOLUTION THONG BECAME A POLITICAL INSTRUCTOR FOR MINSTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS UNTIL END OF 1965. IN 1966 THONG ENTERED CANDIDACY FOR CA AT HEAD OF PRINCIPAL, KY BO AFFILIATED VNQDBHLIS. HE WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR DESERTION, WHICH WAS APPARENLTY CHARGE THAT DIEM GOVERNMENT USED TO IMPRISON HIM. THONG APPEALED CASE, BUT BEFORE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED VC SABOTAGED VNQDD HEADQUARTERS IN TAM KY AND IN EXPLOSION THONG LOST BOTH LEGS. AT FIRST THONG SAID HE WOULD RUN ANYWAY BU FINALLY HAD TO WITHDRAW. IN WHAT PROBABLY AMOUNTED TO SYMPATHY VOTE THONGS LIST WENT ON O WIN TWO OF THREE QUANG TIN CA SEATS TAKING 52.9 PERCENT OF VOTES. IN THIS ELECTION THONG AGAIN SHOWED POPULARITY IN PROVINCE, EVEN THOUGH APPARENLY OPPOSING ENTRENCHED KY BO

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LEADERSHIP. THONG IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE AFFILIATED WITH "VHK" FACTION, HOWEVER, AS WITH MAU ABOVE STATUS IS UNCLEAR.

4. RUNNERS UP WERE VNQDD LY BA TOAN WITH 22,354 VOTES AND CATHOLIC TRAN CONG HOI AITH 21,350 VOTES.
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